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Re: New U.S. Patent Application entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
FLUID DELIVERY TO A HYBRIDIZATION STATION," by Zhou, *et al.*
Attorney Docket No.: XEO100/4-008US/75000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office is:

1. 40-page patent specification, including 21 claims and an abstract;
2. 33 figures on 34 sheets;
3. Application Data Sheet (2 sheets);
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. PTO Form 1449;
6. References A1-A16; and
7. Return postcard.

The specification constitutes the application of Xiaochuan Zhou, Jeff Sommers, and Tiecheng Zhou.

Please note that this application is filed without an Inventor's Declaration, an Assignment, a Power of Attorney, or filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicants requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the United States Postal Service for Express Mail.

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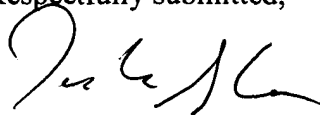
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